

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/367,794	DIME ET AL.
	Examiner Chih-Min Kam	Art Unit 1653

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11/30/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 44 and 70-80.
19 August, 1999
3. The drawings filed on 11 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/8/99
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20050103.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Snyder on January 3, 2005.

Examiner's Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert abstract on a separate sheet (see attached).

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2-5 with the following paragraph:

This application is a 371 of application PCT/CA98/00133, filed February 19, 1998, and claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/042,911, filed on February 20, 1997, and U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/066,635, filed on November 11, 1997, both of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Examiner's Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 44 has been amended as follows:

44. (Currently presented) A method for targeting a drug to a sodium ion channel protein, said method comprising:

contacting said sodium ion channel protein with a compound having the formula

A-L-D

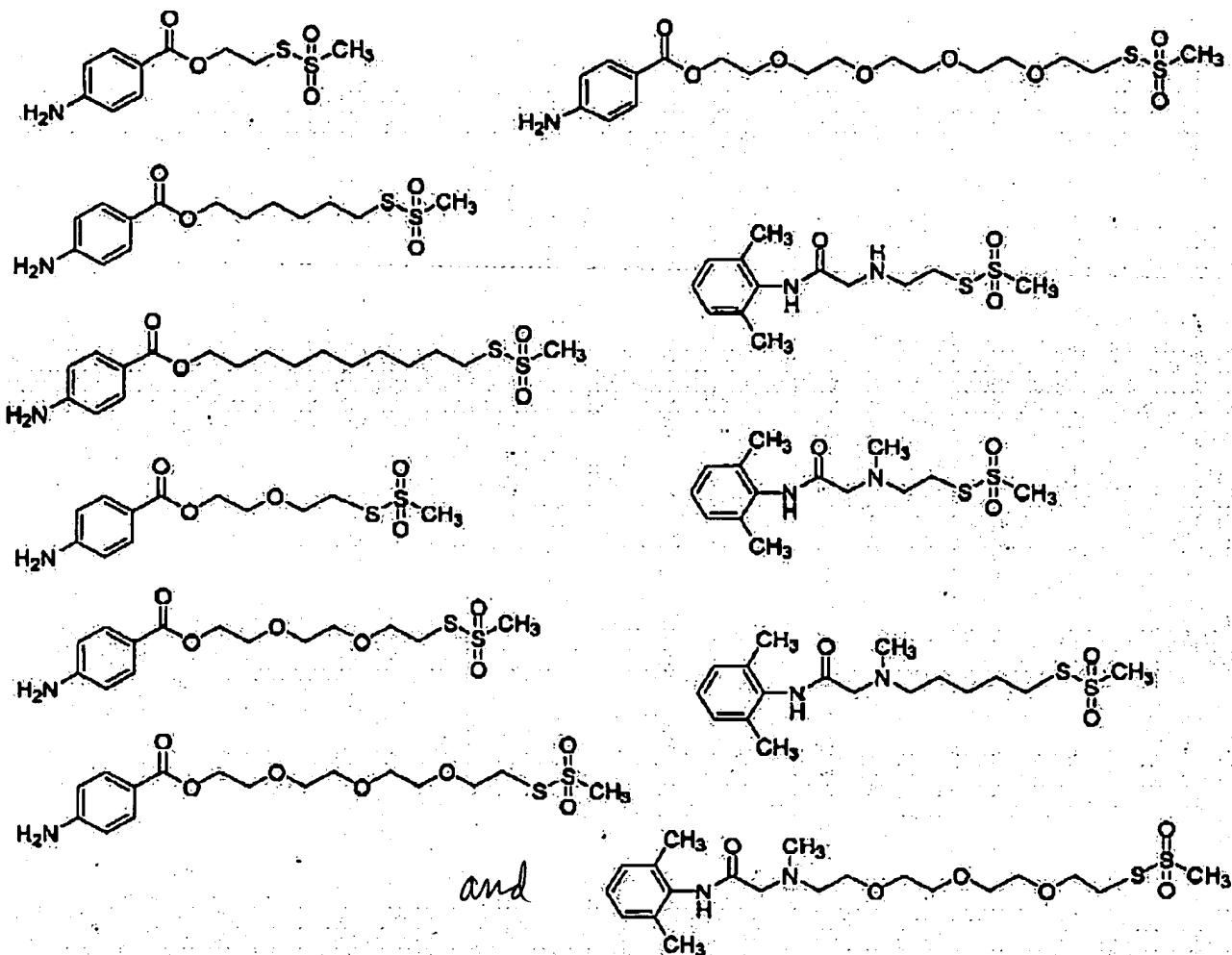
wherein:

A is an anchoring moiety that binds selectively, either covalently or electrostatically, to a first binding site on said sodium ion channel protein;

L is a linking group; and

D is a [compound or] drug that binds to a second binding site on said sodium ion channel protein, wherein said first binding site and said second binding site are distinct; and wherein said compound having the formula A-L-D is selected from the group consisting of

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The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02. The oath or declaration is defective because: it has listed the application PCT/CA98/00133 as a foreign application under 35 U.S.C. 119, it should list PCT/CA98/00133 under 35 U.S.C. 120.

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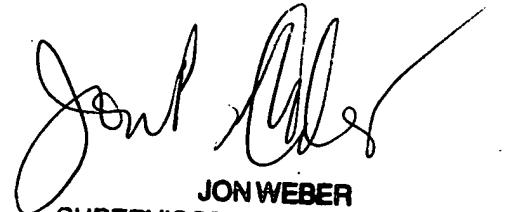
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chih-Min Kam whose telephone number is (571) 272-0948. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber can be reached at 571-272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Examiner

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January 03, 2005



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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Abstract

Compounds and methods which are useful for the site-specific delivery and localization of drugs are provided. The compounds can be represented by the formula: A-L-D wherein A is an anchoring moiety; L is a linking group; and D is a drug.